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## NEW HAVEN POLICE SHOOTING

Today 03/11/05 at approximately 9:29 a.m. the New Haven Police Department received a complaint reporting that a male subject operating a dark colored Ford Explorer was in New Haven. It was also reported that the suspect was armed with a shotgun and this subject had threatened harm to others in the New Haven area. New Haven Police broadcast a complete description of the vehicle and of the male subject to all officers and surrounding police agencies.

Shortly thereafter New Haven Police Officers spotted the vehicle in the Westville section of the city. They attempted to stop the suspect vehicle without success. The suspect vehicle was again spotted by West Haven Police and was headed on Forest Road back into the city of New Haven. New Haven Police Officers again attempted to stop the vehicle and a pursuit began. The suspect vehicle traveled for a short distance and crashed at the intersection of Grand St. and Fillmore Street. Immediately after the crash, the suspect exited his car firing his shotgun in the direction of the New Haven police officers. The suspect then attempted to flee on foot. While fleeing on foot, the suspect again turned toward the pursuing officers, as he pointed and discharged the shotgun in the direction of the pursuing police officers. The New Haven Police Officers were forced to fire their service weapons at the suspect seriously wounding him. The male suspect was transported by ambulance to Yale New Haven Emergency Room where he was pronounced dead.

Due to the location of this incident, being in close proximity to the Columbus Elementary School, a school lock down was initiated. The New Haven Police secured the entire area and at no time were the students of the Columbus School endangered.

At the request of New Haven Police Chief Cisco Ortiz, and the New Haven State's Attorney Michael Darrington, the Connecticut State Police Central District Major Crime Squad responded to New Haven to conduct the investigation into this entire incident. State Police Detectives will work with the New Haven State's Attorney Office, Medical Examiner Office and New Haven Police Department to answer any and all questions surrounding this incident.

The identification of the suspect is being withheld at this time pending the completion of a post mortem examination by the Office of the Chief State's Medical Examiner. Six New Haven police officer were involved in this shooting incident.

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